

In the specification:

Replace the following paragraphs as indicated:

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[0045] In this aspect, the contact member 100 is in the form of at least one and preferably a plurality of projections, such as three by example only, which are carried on an inner surface of one bore portion, such as bore portion 25 of the housing [12] 20. Preferably the projections 100 are integrally formed with the housing [12] 20 to be a unitary part thereof.

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[0047] Due to the location of the projections 100 in the stepped bore portion 25 of the housing [12] 20, only a small portion of the corrosion resistant coating normally provided on the tip end 13 of the male endform 14 is removed by the projections 100 when the endform 14 is inserted into the bore in the housing [12] 20.

[0048] During insertion of the male endform 14 into the housing [12] 20, the tip end 13 will engage and slide past the projections 100, with the projections 100 digging in slightly into the exterior surface of the tip end 13 of the male endform 14. This insures a secure electrical connection between the electrically conductive male endform 14 and the electrically conductive housing [12] 20.

[0049] Another aspect of a contact member 120 according to the present invention, is shown in Figs. 7 and 8. In this aspect of the invention, the contact member or members 120 are in the form of fingers, also all referred to by reference number 120, with at least one and preferably a plurality, such as two or more fingers 120 provided. The fingers 120 project from a shoulder separating the stepped bore portion 25 from the stepped bore portion 27 in the housing [12] 20. Each finger 120 has a generally cubicle shape and is spaced from the adjacent inner surface of the stepped bore portion 25 so as to cantilever from its joinder point on the housing [12]

20. The inner diameter between the fingers 120 is slightly less than the outer diameter of the male endform 14.

[0050] During insertion of the male endform 14 into the housing [12] 20, the tip end 13 of the male endform 14 will engage and slightly expand the contact fingers 120 radially outward. This applies a pre-load on the contact fingers 120 which insures a secure electrical contact between the contact fingers 120 and the male endform 14. In this manner, a secure, non-intermittent, electrically conductive path is formed between the conductive male endform 14 and the conductive housing [12] 20 to dissipate any static electrical charge build-up in the fuel system.

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